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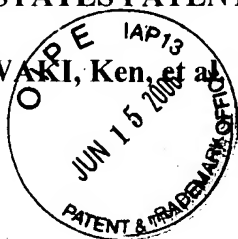
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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of these documents is attached.

Reference AF is discussed in the specification. References AG-AI are cited in the corresponding Japanese patent application No. 2003-092909, dated May 26, 2005.

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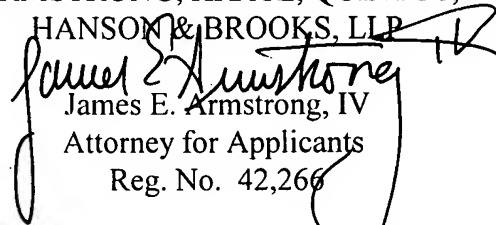
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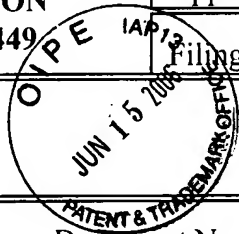


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